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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NOBUTSUNE KOBAYASHI, ET AL.) Examiner: R. Duda
Appln. No.: 10/626,623) Group Art Unit: 2837
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For: RECORDING APPARATUS, MOTOR)
CONTROL APPARATUS, AND :
MOTOR CONTROL METHOD) October 5, 2004

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LETTER SUBMITTING COMMENTS ON
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed August 25, 2004, the Examiner listed reasons for the allowance of the claims. However, the features noted by the Examiner do not accurately reflect what is recited in each of the independent claims. For example, the edge interval information acquisition means in Claim 1 is recited as "acquiring" information, not "determining" information. Similarly, the correction value acquisition means is recited as "acquiring," not "determining" correction values, and the intervals are not recited as simply being "between the pulses." Claims 9 and 10 do not recite any "means." Further, no claim

explicitly recites the features noted in the last five lines of the Examiner's Statement.

Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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